

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Environmental Preservation Committee

BILL: CS/SB 876

INTRODUCER: Environmental Preservation Committee and Senator Smith

SUBJECT: Building Designation/Bill Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste

DATE: January 24, 2006

REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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| 1. | <u>Branning</u> | <u>Kiger</u> | <u>EP</u> | Favorable/CS |
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management as the William W. “Bill” Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste

The 1988 Solid Waste Management Act provided for the creation of a center within the State University System to coordinate research, training, and service activities relating to waste management. The Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management is associated with the College of Engineering at the University of Florida and is located in Gainesville, Florida. There are nine universities that are the primary recipients of research funding: Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of Miami, the University of South Florida, and the University of West Florida.¹

Section 403.709 (2), F.S., provides that up to 4.5 percent of the annual revenues deposited in the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act, shall be used for funding research and training programs relating to solid waste management through the Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management and other organizations which can reasonably demonstrate the capability to carry out such projects.

In 2002, the Legislature provided that the Center shall coordinate the research protocols for projects to determine the most appropriate dispersal agents that can be used in an

¹ www.floridacenter.org/about1.htm

environmentally safe manner in Florida waters as part of a pollutant cleanup activity.² This research is to be used by the Department of Environmental Protection in approving the use of such agents by pollutant spill cleanup contractors and others who may be required to use such agents in containing and cleaning up pollutant spills in the waters of the state.

Bill Hinkley

William W. (Bill) Hinkley was employed at the Department of Environmental Protection for nearly 30 years, most recently as the Chief of the Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste. He was passionate about his work and believed that reason and good science can solve most environmental problems.

Bill was well-known as a champion of environmental protection and was the architect of Florida's Recycling and Solid Waste Management Plan, the special projects manager for the acid-rain initiative, and the research team leader of the initiative to eliminate the use of arsenic in pressure-treated wood. He drafted the legislation to create the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management. He was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Solid Waste Association of America and as Employee of the Year by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Although he was instrumental in drafting and implementing much of Florida's legislation relating to solid waste, he often said "Hey, I am just a garbage guy."

Bill Hinkley passed away on September 12, 2005.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill provides that the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management in Gainesville is designated as the "William W. 'Bill' Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management."

The Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the University of Florida and the University of Florida Foundation, will erect suitable markers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

² s. 1004.48, F.S. (Ch. 387, L.O.F.)

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill provides that the Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the University of Florida and the University of Florida Foundation, will erect suitable markers. The building that in which the Center is located is owned by the University of Florida Foundation. Whenever a building is named for an individual at an educational facility or a university, the university usually bears the costs for such markers. A spokesman for the Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste indicated that the Center would be responsible for erecting the appropriate signs with the help of the University of Florida sign department. The usual cost for these markers in the past has been approximately \$250.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
